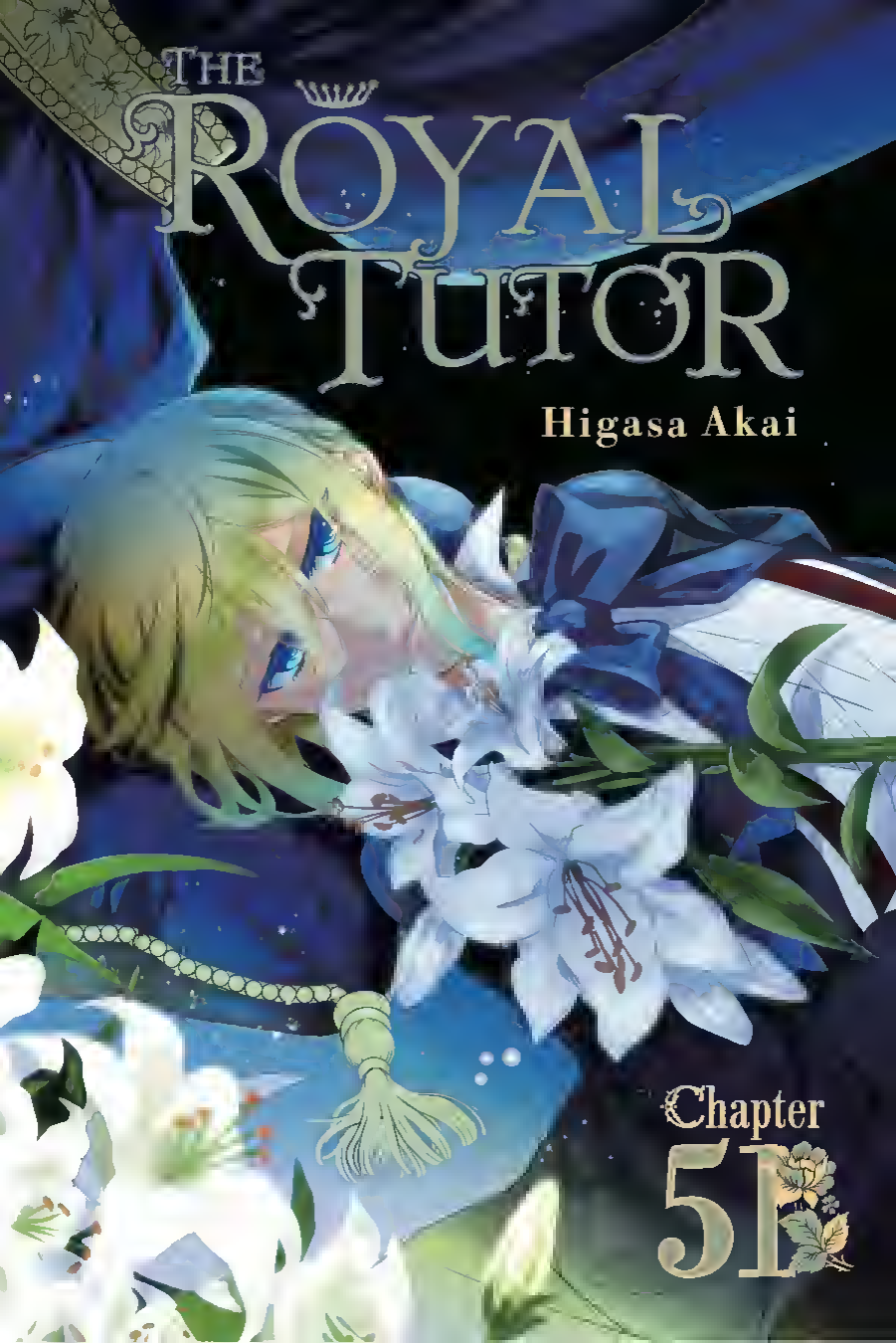
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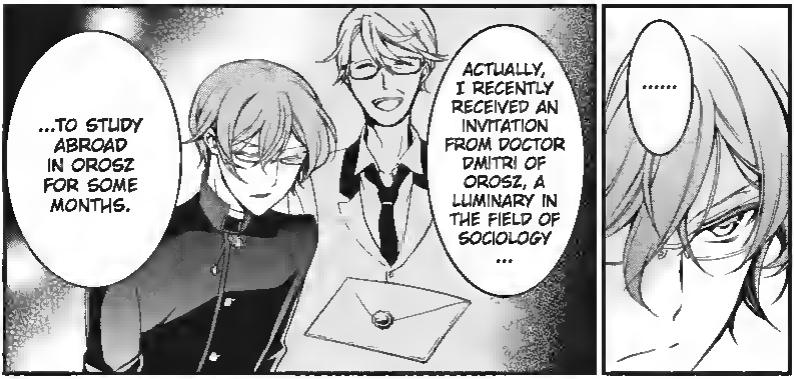
I AM CONSIDER-ING...
...LEAVING THE PALACE.

Chapter 51

My Beloved Big Brother

LEAVE... THE PALACE?
BUT, DEAREST BROTHER BRUNO...
WH—
WHY?


ACTUALLY, I RECENTLY RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM DOCTOR DMITRI OF OROSZ, A LUMINARY IN THE FIELD OF SOCIOLOGY ...
...TO STUDY ABROAD IN OROSZ FOR SOME MONTHS.
.....

IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, HE'S MADE A SIMILAR OFFER BEFORE.
YES, HE HAS.
BUT THIS TIME, I WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AS A PRINCE.
HE ASSURED ME IT IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE ME ONTO THE PATH OF A SCHOLAR...
STILL, AS I DECLINED ONCE BEFORE...
...I HAD CONSIDERED REFUSING THE OFFER AGAIN.
.....
BUT LICHT...
BUT IF IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT OUR ROLE AS ROYALS, DEVOTING OURSELVES TO THE KINGDOM AND ALL THAT, THEN WHAT FUN WILL THERE BE IN OUR FUTURES!?
HIS THINKING IS DIFFERENT THAN MY OWN...
...YET HE IS WORKING TOWARD HIS PERSONAL AMBITIONS, ALLOWING NOTHING TO HOLD HIM BACK...
I THINK SEEING THAT QUALITY IN LICHT MADE ME FEEL DESPERATE FOR A LONG TIME.

...EXPLORING WHERE OTHER PATHS WILL TAKE YOU IS HARDLY A BAD THING.
ON THE CONTRARY, I DARESAY IT IS A CHANCE FOR A PERSON TO ACQUIRE A WELL-ROUNDED PERSPECTIVE.
...IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADVICE THAT MASTER OFFERED TO LICHT...
...I BELIEVE I SHOULD ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW CHANCES TO LEARN...
...TO SHAPE MYSELF INTO A BETTER CANDIDATE FOR THE THRONE.
PRINCE BRUNO...
BUT...!
.....
YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT, DEAREST BROTHER!
YOU'RE ALREADY PLENTY AMAZING!

YOU DON'T NEED TO LEAVE THE PALACE...!
...AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO, AND...
...AND YOU'RE SO COOL!
AND YOU'RE SO SMART, AND...
YOU ALWAYS GET PERFECT SCORES ON YOUR TESTS!
.....
MASTER'S LESSONS ARE ALWAYS EXTREMELY VALUABLE AND ILLUMINATING, OF COURSE.
CLENCH
BUT THIS WON'T DO AT ALL.
IF I REMAIN COMPLA-CENT, I...
I KNOW THAT I WILL...
THEN...

I WILL TURN INTO A SACHER-TORTE.
...BUT TO INDULGE FULLY IN THAT SWEET PLEASURE... I WOULD GROW TOO SOFT, LIKE A SUGARY SACHER-TORTE.
NOTHING BRINGS ME MORE JOY THAN LEARNING FROM MASTER...
...COME AGAIN?
?

YELL
OH, THE HAPPINESS AND SORROW MASTER'S TEACHING BRINGS ME...
DAMN THIS DILEMMA ...!!
AS LONG AS MASTER IS MY ONLY TEACHER...
...I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BECOME A MAN BEYOND HIS EXPECTATIONS.
THIS IS SOMETHING OF A TIRESOME DILEMMA...
UNLIKE PRINCE LICHT, YOUR HIGHNESS'S ACADEMIC ABILITY IS ALREADY QUITE SUFFICIENT.
PUTTING OUR LESSONS ON HOLD TEMPORARILY TO STUDY ABROAD WOULD NOT HARM YOUR PROSPECTS.
...WELL, A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN IS A GOOD THING.

I WILL BE TAKING YOUR LESSONS!!
OH NO!!
SNAP
...TO SKIP MY MASTER'S LESSONS!!
IT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPT-ABLE...
RUMBLE
JOLT
WHAT?
SHARP
I SEE.
I HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN TO FATHER REGARDING MY STUDIES ABROAD, INCLUDING THIS PLAN, AND HE GRANTED ME PERMISSION.
BLAH
FOR THE FIRST WEEK, WE WILL EDIT MY PAPERS. FOR THE SECOND, WE WILL EXAMINE THIS BOOK THROUGH PAGE EIGHTY...
DO NOT WORRY. I HAVE A PLAN RIGHT HERE.
BLAH
BLAH
I AM AFRAID IT WILL BE A TRIFLE INCONVENIENT, BUT I WAS HOPING YOU COULD INSTRUCT ME VIA CORRE-SPONDENCE.

IT SOUNDS QUITE TAXING TO BE MY APPRENTICE...
THOUGH, I DO NOT KNOW THE CRITERIA MYSELF
NOT AT ALL! IT IS MY DUTY AS YOUR APPRENTICE!
BUT STUDYING ABROAD WHILE TAKING MY LESSONS...? IS THAT NOT TOO MUCH?
DOCTOR DMITRI'S ASSISTANT, HERR SMERDYAKOV...
...IS PRESENTLY IN GRANZREICH FOR WORK.
.....
ONE WEEK FROM NOW...?
WE PLAN TO RENDEZVOUS ONE WEEK FROM NOW ON THE DAY HE IS TO LEAVE AND ENTER OROSZ TOGETHER.

I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU!
MM-HMM ...
NOD
YOU WOULD HATE FOR DEAREST BROTHER BRUNO TO LEAVE, YES!?
E-ELDER BROTHER!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
BUT...
KAI...
...!
...WHAT BRUNO WANTS...
...COMES FIRST...
SO...HE HAS MY BLESSING...

I DON'T LIKE IT!
I DON'T WANT TO BE APART FROM MY DEAREST BROTHER BRUNO!
WELL, I...
WHIRL
ばっ
I AM SORRY, LEONHARD.
BUT THE DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE.
PLEASE DON'T TRY TO STOP ME.
LICHT ALREADY WENT OFF AND LEFT US!
YOU CAN'T LEAVE TOO!
TAK
GRAB
OH NO! I WILL STOP YOU!

!?
でーん
DANGLE
INDEED, HE STOPPED HIM— PHYSICALLY.
HEH-HEH!
SEE!? YOU CAN'T GO ANYWHERE NOW, CAN YOU!?
!!
KAI! HELP ME!
RGH...!
KH...!
SO HEAVY...

PLUCK
すっ
PHEW!
AHHHH!
RELEASE
そーっ
HOORAY!
PLUCK
すっ
AHHHH!
I FEEL BAD... FOR LEONHARD...
RELEASE
そっ
KAI!!!

I-I WILL NOT BUCKLE UNDER SOMETHING THIS TRIFLING!
BUT...
PLEASE. DO NOT BABY LEONHARD!
I FEEL BAD TOO. YOU KNOW...!
STRAIN
RRH... RRH...
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
RRRRGH!
AS I SUSPECTED, HE IS NO MATCH FOR PRINCE LEONHARD'S PHYSICAL PROWESS.
TWINKLE
TWINKLE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
HFF! HFF!
WHEEZE
WHEEZE

AH!
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO COME MEALTIME, PRAY TELL?
HEH-HEH!
I COULD!
WITH YOUR STAMINA, PRINCE LEONHARD, I DARESAY YOU COULD CONTINUE THIS TACTIC INDEFINITELY.
.....
I-I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THAT...
I HAVEN'T HAD MY TEATIME TORTE YET...
PRINCE BRUNO, YOU BABY PRINCE LEONHARD YOURSELF...
YAAAY!
THANK YOU, DEAREST BROTHER!
LEAN
すっ
...HERE... LEON-HARD...
EAT UP...

AT ANY RATE, IT ISN'T AS THOUGH BEING WITHOUT ME WILL CAUSE YOU ANY GRIEF...
...BUT THE PLANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FINALIZED.
I-I SUPPOSE I'M FLATTERED YOU WOULD GO TO SUCH LENGTHS TO KEEP ME HERE...
MUNCH もぐ
MUNCH もぐ
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
FATHER AND MOTHER WERE ALWAYS SO BUSY...
...BUT YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE WITH ME.

WHEN WE WERE SMALL, YOU'D PLAY WITH ME LOTS.
YOU TAUGHT ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS DREADFUL AT LEARNING.
WHENEVER I NEEDED SOMETHING, YOU WERE ALWAYS THE FIRST PERSON TO FLY TO MY SIDE...
I'VE ALWAYS WISHED I COULD BE AS AMAZING AS YOU!
I LOOK UP TO YOU SO MUCH! I WANT MY OLDER BROTHER TO ALWAYS BE NEARBY!
LEON-HARD...
.....

YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO CREATE NEW IDEAS, UNFETTERED BY PRECONCEPTIONS OR STATION.
HUH!?
YOU KNOW, LEON-HARD ...
...THERE ARE THINGS ABOUT YOU THAT AMAZE ME TOO.
I AM INCREDIBLY ENVIOUS...
...OF YOUR NATURAL TALENTS.
I THINK YOU POSSESS THE POTENTIAL TO SURPASS EVEN MASTER'S EXPECTATIONS AT TIMES.
PERHAPS IT IS PETTY JEALOUSY...
...BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE TO YOU OR EINS... OR KAI OR LICHT EITHER.
TH-THAT CAN'T BE TRUE...!

THAT IS WHY...
...I NEED TO ACT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY.
LEON-HARD...
...WON'T YOU GRANT THE BROTHER YOU LOVE THIS SELFISH REQUEST?
BROTHER...
PRINCE LEONHARD.

PERHAPS YOUR HIGHNESS SHOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER NOT AS A YOUNGER BROTHER BUT AS ANOTHER HUMAN BEING.
IS ALWAYS BEING TOGETHER ...
...THE ONLY THING THAT LEADS TO A PERSON'S HAPPINESS?

TAP
.....
...I'M SORRY..
BROTHER.
PAT
I KNEW THAT ATTEMPTING TO STOP YOU WOULD PUT YOU IN A DIFFICULT POSITION.
AND YET I...
WE STILL HAVE ONE WEEK UNTIL MY DEPARTURE.

FOR THE NEXT WEEK, LET'S HAVE OUR FILL OF PLAYING TOGETHER...
...AS WE USED TO.

THAT WAY, WE WON'T GROW LONELY WHILE WE'RE APART.

LET'S!

DOOM
KRAK
KRIK
POP
SHAKE
SHAKE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
...NGH.
HAAH!
HFF!
HAAH!
ERR... PRINCE BRUNO?
IS IT NOT TIME FOR YOU TO DEPART? ARE YOU QUITE WELL ENOUGH?
AS I SUSPECTED. HE WAS NO MATCH FOR PRINCE LEONHARD'S STAMINA.
AND I DO BELIEVE PRINCE BRUNO IS NORMALLY NO SLOUCH HIMSELF...
TWINKLE
SHAKE
SHAKE
AFTER SPENDING QUITE LITERALLY ALMOST THE WHOLE WEEK WITH LEONHARD, EVERY MUSCLE IN MY BODY ACHES...
THEN IN THE EVENING WE'LL PLAY SOCCER UNTIL DARK!
WE'LL GO HUNTING NOW!
M-MASTER
AHEM...

WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SEVERAL CONNECTIONS FROM STATION TO STATION VIA CARRIAGE.
YES.
A WHOLE WEEK!?
THE JOURNEY TO OROSZ WILL TAKE A WEEK BY TRAIN.
I CAN RECUPERATE ON THE WAY.
TUG
HOWEVER, THE GRANZREICH ROYAL FAMILY HAS A DEDICATED TRAIN CAR, SO IT SHOULD BE COMFORTABLE.
WOOOW!
NEVER BEEN ON A TRAIN BEFORE
IT IS QUITE A CONTRAST WITH PRINCE LICHT TRAVELLING LIGHTLY...
...THE AMOUNT OF LUGGAGE, ATTENDANTS, GUARDS, AND SO ON IS DIFFERENT.
IN KEEPING WITH A PRINCE STUDYING ABROAD IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY...
YOU ARE GOING ALONG AS WELL AS A BODYGUARD?
YES, SIR. THAT I AM.
OH MY. LUDWIG?

HEE!
WHAT INCREDIBLY MIXED FEELINGS.
CLENCH
WITHOUT SOMEONE INFURIATING TO SCOLD EVERY DAY, I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO FIND MY DRIVE...!

EVER SINCE MAXIMILIAN LEFT WITH PRINCE LICHT, I'VE BEEN GETTING ABSENT-MINDED...

THAT MAY BE A GOOD IDEA...
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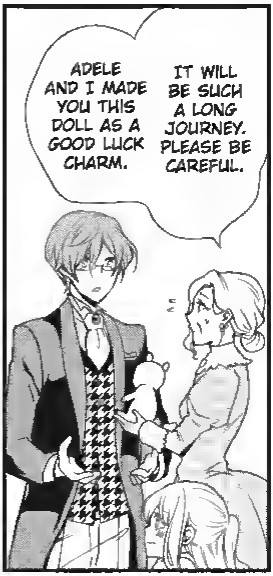
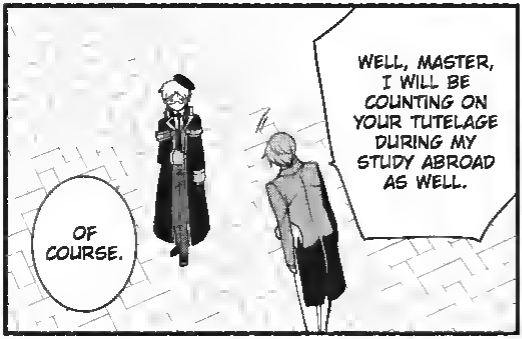
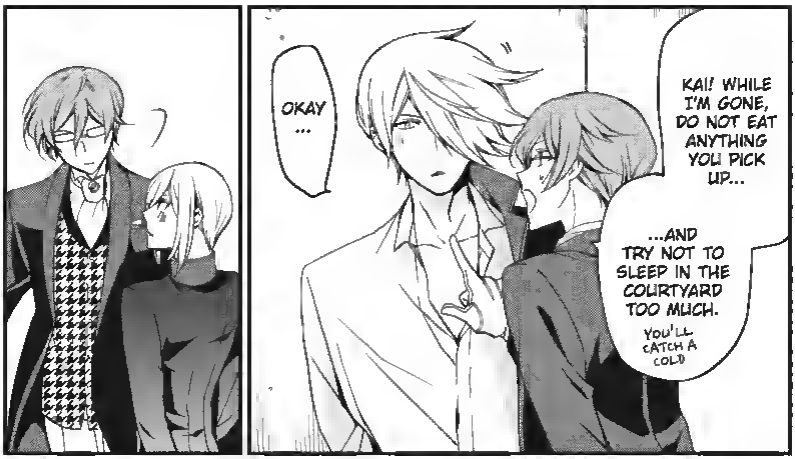
NOD
I'M HOPING BEING SOMEWHERE NEW WILL GIVE ME THE CHANCE TO TRY AND SORT MYSELF OUT.

THANK YOU.


ADELE AND I MADE YOU THIS DOLL AS A GOOD LUCK CHARM.
IT WILL BE SUCH A LONG JOURNEY. PLEASE BE CAREFUL.


WELL, MASTER, I WILL BE COUNTING ON YOUR TUTELAGE DURING MY STUDY ABROAD AS WELL.
OF COURSE.


KAI! WHILE I'M GONE, DO NOT EAT ANYTHING YOU PICK UP...
...AND TRY NOT TO SLEEP IN THE COURTYARD TOO MUCH.
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD
OKAY ...

LEONHARD, I ENJOYED THIS LAST WEEK.
I WAS REMINDED THAT IT HAS TRULY BEEN TOO LONG...
...SINCE WE LAST SPENT THIS MUCH TIME TOGETHER.

BE GOOD WHILE I'M GONE.
BROTHER ...

WELL, THEN...
...I SHALL BE OFF.

SAFE TRAVELS.

RATTLE
CREAK
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
I'M STARTING TO HATE...
...THE SOUND OF CARRIAGES.
MUMBLE
PRINCE LEONHARD...

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